

Wake measurements of the Unsteady Aero Experiment turbine in the region of a tail vane

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Project Goals

- Increase knowledge of tail vane aerodynamics
- Tie wake measurements in with detailed rotor aerodynamics
- Part of DOE Small Turbine Program modeling efforts

Description

- Two 3-axis sonic anemometers placed behind rotor at hub height
- 30 second wind speed data set at 10 Hz in addition to rotor data set

Wake Measurement Setup

- 0.6D downstream
- at 0.02 and 0.49 r/R
- Yaw CW from top
- Rotor CCW from upstream
- Yaw stop at 65°
- Nacelle and boom influence



Wake Research

- Past wake measurement programs:
 - wake models for rotor aerodynamics
 - wakes of turbines in arrays
- No previous measurements were in typical tail vane region

Weaknesses of Current Program

- low bandwidth (4/rev max)
- limited wake spatial resolution
- low tip speed ratios
- yaw dynamics not simulated
- turbulence not simulated

Current Status

- Data submitted to RANN for furling models
- ASME 2001 Wind Energy paper in progress